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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control

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Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

TITLE: Animal Welfare

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0036

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Laboratory Animal Welfare Act (AWA) (Public Law 89-544) enacted August 24, 1966, and as amended, required the U.S. Department of Agriculture, (USDA), to regulate the humane care and handling of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, and nonhuman primates. This legislation was the result of extensive demand by organized animal welfare groups and private citizens requesting a Federal law covering the transportation, care, and handling of laboratory animals. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care (AC) has the responsibility to enforce the AWA (7 U.S.C. 2131-2156) and the provisions of 9 CFR, Subchapter A, which implements the AWA. The purpose of the AWA is to ensure that animal use in research facilities or for exhibition purposes are provided humane care and treatment. To assure humane treatment of animals during transportation in commerce and to protect the owners of animals from the theft of their animals by preventing the sale or use of animals that is stolen. APHIS will collect information using several forms.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: APHIS will collect health certificates, program of veterinary care, application for license and record of acquisition, disposition and transportation of animals. The information is used to ensure those dealers, exhibitors, research facilities, carriers, etc., are in compliance with the AWA and regulations and standards promulgated under this authority of the Act.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit; Farms; Not-for-profits; State, Local, and Tribal Governments;

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 9,985

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 95,160

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